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AURORA, MO., FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Aurora, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Shannon D. Maloney, 41, of Aurora, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to eight years in federal prison without parole.

On July 28, 2004, **Maloney** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Ithaca 20-gauge shotgun on Jan. 16, 2004, in Barry County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Maloney** has two 1990 criminal felony convictions for assault and armed criminal action.

Maloney was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 31, 2004, in Springfield.

This case was investigated by the Barry County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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